

REMARKS

Presently, claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-28, 31-32, 34-38 and 40-44 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 14, 29, 30, 33 and 30 have been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice. No new matter has been added to the application.

In the present action, the Examiner has pointed out that the claim listing submitted in Applicant's election and response of November 30, 2004 ("Applicant's Response") to the Election Requirement dated November 2, 2004, did not comply with proper U.S. PTO amendment practice. Specifically, the Examiner has noted that the claim listing in Applicant's Response did not include all pending and withdrawn claims.

Applicant has submitted herewith a corrected Listing of the Claims section, such that the claims as submitted with Applicant's Response are compliant with U.S. patent practice. Specifically, claims 4, 14, 29, 30, 33 and 30 have each been included in the listing and have been properly identified as "withdrawn". Additionally, remaining claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-28, 31-32, 34-38 and 40-44 have been identified as "original" instead of "previously presented". No substantive changes to the claims have been made with respect to Applicant's Response. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the claim listing as corrected in this paper be entered and considered with Applicant's election and remarks as submitted in Applicant's Response.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application, including claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-28, 31-32, 34-38 and 40-44, is in condition for allowance. Examination and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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